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### THE WEATHER

Oregon—Fair and continued warm. Washington—Fair and continued warm except possibly showers along the coast.

### PEOPLE ARE WONDERING.

Many people in this city, who know that the public records of Astoria contain one of the best anti-gambling ordinances in the municipal books of the State of Oregon, are wondering why the police department of Astoria is at any loss as to its duty in the handling of the offense; and some of the conclusions are not of the kindliest sort. A careful reading of Ordinance No. 1784, on page 107, of the Charter and Ordinances of the City of Astoria, must convince the most dense and obtuse citizen, that the plea that the city has no right nor authority in this important premise, is but begging an issue, most clearly and accurately defined; and hasten the judgment, that the well trained police officers of Astoria are but obeying orders from "above."

This is the common, the accepted theory, throughout the city; and can be heard on the merest suggestion in this behalf; therefore, the officers, chief included, must not be blamed if they take the fiat from those presumed to guide and sponsor their actions. It is not a pleasant conclusion but it is inevitable.

The time is at hand when the change of dictum must be made, and the only way to make it is to oust the Police Commission, as a legal entity, and let the people, through Mayor and Council, control the department so long and palpably mis-directed in this behalf. Or, make the chieftancy of the police elective and hold that officer personally responsible for the acts of his subordinates as they shall be named by him. Then it may not be necessary to haggle about who's who, and what's what, with all authority frittered away in "hot air," as is the case now, and not alone in the police department, either!

### MR. TAFT AS A JUDGE.

Now and then, in public utterance or private expression, William Howard Taft discloses a stubborn adherence to certain old-fashioned notations which is bound to engage the attention of intelligent voters of both parties in all sections. The other day—August 29—in a speech at Athens, Ohio, he declared that the function of the judge on the bench was to administer the law, not to make it. "When I am a judge on the bench," he continued, "in so far as I can I decide cases according to the law and the facts, no matter whom it hurts, because I believe that to be my sworn duty."

There is something refreshing in this old-fashioned view of the real duty of the judiciary. It has been consistently maintained by William Howard Taft. In his varied service as prosecuting officer, as Solicitor General of the United States, as a judge of the United States Courts, as Governor of the Philippines, and as Secretary of War, he has had the advantage of a wider range of official duties than any of his contemporaries. The record shows that in every responsibility of those important offices he was not only faithful but efficient, prompt, impartial and true to himself and the government. His temperament, experience, training and personal inclination would, if unrestrained, call him back to the judiciary. As he said in a recent address: "Next to the sacred joys of my family life, the sweetest memories I possess are those of my service on the bench."

As a judge Mr. Taft stood for the law as made by the law-making power—the people themselves. He had

no time for "court-made law," and his interpretations were so just and true in their relation to all interests that he never was reversed by a higher court.

Mr. Taft's old-fashioned notion that the duty of courts is to interpret and enforce the law, not to make it, will reach straight to the intelligence of thoughtful citizens everywhere. An appeal to the hard common sense of the people on such an issue was never made in vain and never will be.

### NOT GUILTY, AS CHARGED.

Because an immense contingent of the Astoria tax-paying citizenry will not break its bones nor bruise its flesh falling over itself to subscribe and vote for the new seawall proposition as it has been handed out to them by the committee in charge (the Council committee), is no sign that it does not want the improvement; and the passing of the days with the current argument of the issue indicates that they will have none of it in its present status. No sensible community ever yet took over a million-dollar obligation without first knowing far more of the details, the plans, the scope, the cost and the responsibility of the enterprise, than they have been permitted to know in this case.

Astoria is not guilty of negation nor of lack of interest in this project, and that the sentiment of the city is against the methods proposed is a fiat sign that the people are clearly awake to the careless and half-baked conditions that mark it as it comes from the Council committee. No public work, involving a million or more of money may be assumed without a chance to estimate the range and cost of it before the people vote upon it; anything short of an exact understanding and specific calculation on all points of such an improvement, is like "buying a pig in a poke"; and people may be excused if they hesitate long, and even refuse, before they commit themselves and posterity, to the scheme.

It must come some day; every man here knows that; and if the matter had been premised with a proper provision for the ascertainment of the extent, route, character, plan and cost of the work before the cinch of a million-dollar obligation was thrust upon them, the plans of the Council-Charter Committee would not have mis-carried. There are other phases of doubt inherent in the project as it has been submitted, and it will take time and better analysis to make the thing acceptable to this public, as it should.

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### PALTRY FIGURES.

#### Army Officer Under Felonious Charge of Appropriating Funds.

NEW YORK, Sept. 29.—Charged with fraudulently, feloniously converting to his own use \$709.61 of the funds of the Fiftieth Company of Coast Artillery, Lieut. W. W. Ballard, Jr. is on trial before a court martial in the army building. Other charges of offences unbecoming an officer and a gentleman are being heard at the same time. Lieut. Ballard was the commanding officer of the Fiftieth Company, Coast Artillery, stationed at Fort Wadsworth and had control of the funds of the company.

According to a statement made by one of the army officials the young lieutenant failed some time ago to pass an examination for promotion and from that time on has been neglecting his duty. Butchers and a grocer testified that they had been unable to collect bills aggregating \$606, which the company owed them. Lieut. Ballard entered the service from Civil life in 1900. He comes from Virginia and is 33 years of age.

#### A Traveling Man's Experience.

"I must tell you my experience on an east bound O. R. & N. R. R. train from Pendleton to Le Grande, Ore.," writes Sam A. Garber, a well known traveling man. "I was in the smoking department with some other traveling men when one of them went out into the coach and came back and said, 'There is a woman sick unto death in the car.' I at once got up and went out, found her very ill with cramp colic, her hands and arms were drawn up so you could not straighten them, and with a death-like look on her face. Two or three ladies were working with her and giving her whiskey. I went to my suitcase and got my bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy (I never travel without it), ran to the water-tank, put a double dose of the medicine in the glass, poured some water into it and stirred it with a pencil; then I had quite a time to get the ladies to let me give it to her, but I succeeded. I could at once see the effect and I worked with her, rubbing her hands, and in 20 minutes I gave her another dose. By this time we were almost into Le Grande, where I was to leave the train. I gave the bottle to the husband to be used in case another dose should be needed, but by the time the train ran into Le Grande she was all right, and I received the thanks of every passenger in the car." For sale by Frank Hart and leading druggists.

#### AN ENGLISH PROBLEM.

##### Dealing With the Unemployed at the Great Centers of Activity.

LONDON, Sept. 29.—The problem of dealing with the unemployed in the great centers of population throughout the United Kingdom is being seriously considered by the government authorities, all of whom agree that the number of persons out of work will be greater the coming winter than in many years before. The estimate has been made of the employed in London but a census taken by the newspapers of provincial cities shows alarming numbers.

The conditions at Glasgow are probably worse than in most of the other cities, there being 22,000 men now seeking work at that place. Sunderland has 13,000 unemployed, Birmingham 10,000, Liverpool 14,000, Manchester 8,000 and other cities from 1,000 to 5,000 each. These figures do not include the great army of strikers in the Lancashire cotton trade. Distress funds are now being raised throughout the country.

#### HOME FROM SHANGHAI.

##### Chicago Girl Couldn't Stand It in the Flowery Kingdom.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 29.—The orient contained no such fascination for ten year old Emily Jensch as the young lady found in recollections of that dear Chicago, Illinois, and in

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consequence the young lady is making a lonely journey from Shanghai, China, to her Chicago home, where her grandmother and her brothers reside. Miss Jensch arrived on the Korea and started east last night in charge of two passengers whose acquaintance she made on the voyage. She explained that homesickness and a desire to see her brothers had compelled her parents, who had arranged for an extended stay in the Orient, to send her home on the Korea, while they will follow on the Siberia.

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### REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

## First National Bank

At Astoria, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business, September 23, 1908.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$465,686.12
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	3,517.04
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	40,000.00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	1,200.00
Bonds, securities, etc.	55,430.00
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	78,390.32
Due from State Banks and Bankers	13,225.16
Due from approved reserve agents	177,732.16
Checks and other cash items	426.78
Notes of other National Banks	1,495.00
Nickels and cents	317.25
Lawful money reserve in bank, viz:	
Specie	\$203,000.00
Legal-tender notes	715.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	2,000.00
Due from U. S. Treasurer, other than 5 per cent redemption fund	350.00
Total	\$1,043,485.43

LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$100,000.00
Surplus fund	25,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	25,058.94
National Bank notes outstanding	40,000.00
Due to State Banks and Bankers	981.02
Individual deposits subject to check	\$682,707.70
Demand certificates of deposit	169,477.09
Certified Checks	260.68
Total	\$1,043,485.43

State of Oregon, County of Clatsop, ss:

I, S. S. Gordon, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

S. S. GORDON, Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26th day of September, 1908.

V. BOELLING, Notary Public.  
Correct—Attest:  
G. C. FLAVEL,  
W. F. MCGREGOR,  
JACOB KAMM,  
Directors.

## SCANDINAVIAN-AMERICAN SAVINGS BANK

ASTORIA, OREGON.

Statement called by the State Bank Examiner, September 23, 1908, (Condensed)

Loans and securities	\$107,182.95	Capital	\$50,000.00
Furniture and fixtures	4,421.46	Undivided profits	4,358.25
Expense account	1,279.41		
Available funds:			
Due from banks	\$15,533.47	Deposits	90,946.86
Cash in vault	\$16,887.82		
Total	\$145,305.11	Total	\$145,305.11

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